

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, and 11-17 are pending, claims 3-10 having been canceled earlier. The pending claims have been rejected variously under Sections 112, 102, and 103. Applicants respectfully traverse.

Section 112

Claims 14, 15, and 17 stand rejected as indefinite in view of claim 14's recitation of "one other non-incorporable catalyst." It is alleged that this phrase also renders indefinite the references to catalysts in claims 15 and 17.

Claim 14 has been amended to omit the word "other," so that the claimed non-incorporable catalyst is clearly a distinct, new element introduced in dependence from claim 1. In addition, claims 15 and 17 have been amended to make clear antecedent reference to the non-incorporable catalyst of claim 14. These amendments are clarifying only and add no new matter. It is also believed that the pending rejection for indefiniteness should no longer be maintained against these claims so amended.

Sections 102, 103

Claims 1, 2, and 11-17 stand rejected as anticipated by and obvious over WO 00/44847 (Burns et al.).

Anticipation exists only where a single reference discloses each and every limitation of a claim at issue.

Where a limitation is not disclosed, it is not obvious unless the art in some way suggests the limitation to one of skill. The present claims all require (per claim 1) a molar ratio of ether groups to amino nitrogen in the aminopolyether polyol of 7 to 30. This ratio is neither disclosed nor suggested in Burns et al. For this reason the rejections over this reference should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks above, Applicants ask for reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims. Should any fees be due for entry and consideration of this Amendment that have not been accounted for, the Commissioner is authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 01-1250.

Respectfully submitted,

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